

CLASS OF 1835

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New York, August 23, 1854.

A circular in Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book on P. 363

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95. Robert Mc KEE Strong

Parents: Robert and Kitty Strong.

Born Albany, N.Y., December 28, 1812

Residence: Albany, 1812 to 1836,
New York City, 1836-1855

Schools: Albany Academy, 1824-1830
Kinderhook Academy, 1830-1831.

Graduated Union College, July, 1835

Studied Law from 1835 to 1836 in Albany
with Hm. Samuel Stevens; and from 1836 to 1838
in city of New York with Hm. Daniel B. Tallmadge.
Practised Law in New York City, 1838-1855

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To

A. W. Strong

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1855

(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best :)

SIR,—

It is the aim of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College;—of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the ready aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow:—some of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty; others not at all: still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their fewness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed.

The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned:—Obituary Notices; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c.; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Alcove of the College Library, to be set apart for "Graduates' Works."

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time:—especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths hereafter once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, *Librarian.*UNION COLLEGE,
SCHENECTADY, N. Y. }

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinipock, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls; was admitted to the bar in 1821; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Hoesen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832-5; State Senator 1836-8; Member of Congress 1839-41; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842-6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions, he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1846.

Joseph Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Almy, Esq., Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818-20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, Conn., 1825-30; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831-40; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the "Communicant's Companion." He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y.; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camerville; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1830-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the "Functions of the Brain," and on "Gunshot Wounds."

- N. B. 1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and *authentic* as possible; but when doubtful let them be marked thus (?).
 2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge; if he have but *one fact*, let that be sent.
 3. Let as much time be taken as may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more.
 4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, add another of the *same size*, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.
 5. In cases where no answers to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information, gathered from other sources, and, therefore, not always *authentic*.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

1. Name.

Robert. Mc. Kee Strong

[Let this be written plainly and the *middle* names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents ; thus :—

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

Robert & Kitty Strong

III. Birth Place.

City of Albany. N.Y.:

Birth Day and Year.

December 28th 1812

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]

Albany 1812 to 1836
City of New York 1836 to 1855

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates ; thus :—

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]

Albany Academy - T. Romaine Jackson ^{M.A., Ed} Principal -
1824 to 1830
Kindergarten Academy - Silas Thetford Am. Principal -
1830 to 1831.

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

Union College - July 1825;

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—

[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]

Nothing.

VIII. The profession he studied ; where ; with whom ; when ; thus :—

[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]

Lam - from 1822 to 1836 - in Albany St. g with Hon: Samuel Stevens:
 & from 1826 to 1838 - in City of New York with Hon: Daniel B. Hallmadge:

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates ; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs ;
thus :—

[Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]

City of New York 1838 to 1855.

X. The other occupations he has followed ; when and where ; thus :—

[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Geneseo, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Scholastic, N. Y., 1841-48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.,

None

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates ; thus :—

[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1821-4, &c., &c.]

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XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

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XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

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XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

Done

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

None

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

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XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

His father, Robert Strong, now aged 81 years, was born in the South of Ireland & came to the United States in the year 1800, in which ^{city} he had resided since. He does now reside - married his present wife in 1806 & had 11 children, 7 of whom now survive: the family of Strong are Protestants & descended from the family of "Strong" of Balcastle in Scotland, who settled in Ulster in the reign of King James the 1st.
I have - 3 children, 2 boys & 1 girl of ages 11 - 9 & 4 -

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be widely known; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c.; the name and residence, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus:—

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

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"When hearts whose truth was proven
Like his are laid in earth,
There should a wreath be woven
To tell the world their worth."

He was a man of directness, sincerity and heart. These qualities gave a manly gentleness to his manner, and endeared him to many, whose recollections will supply omissions in this imperfect tribute to his memory.--N.Y. Eve. Post.

Annals of Albany v. 8 p. 341
Munsell.

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Died: In This city, on the 24th ult., Robert M. K. Strong, Counsellor, formerly of Albany, aged 43 years and 8 months.

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Character sketch. Pearson's roommate for 3 years.
Pearson Diaries V.2, p.17

Strong, R.M./, 1835
Pearson Diaries V.4, pp.748-749

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